

Camphor production in the Country

4600. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the total value of Camphor produced in the country, both in quantity and value;
- (b) what is the total consumption of Camphor in the country; and
- (c) whether it is exported and if so, what is the total quantity exported and its value?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) The production and value of Camphor for the last three years as per reports of major producers is as below:

| Year | Production MT | Value Rs. in crore |
|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1998-99 | 5875 | 60.47 |
| 1999-00 | 6268 | 55.44 |
| 2000-01 | 6497 | 57.59 |

(b) Government has neither conducted any study on demand & supply of Camphor in the country, nor shortages of Camphor have been reported in recent past.

(c) Yes, Sir. The export of Camphor during 1998-99 was 290 MT valued at Rs. 2.94 Crore